



# Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



## **Virginia Defense Force/US ARMY: Chain of Command & Insignia of Rank**



# References



- **VDF Pamphlet 350-1  
Orientation Course**



# Training Objectives



**Definition of “Chain of Command”**

**Your Chain of Command**

**Rank Structure, Insignia, and how to address**



# Chain of Command



**Chain of Command:  
A TWO-WAY communications  
channel between  
subordinates and leaders**



# Chain of Command



• **Orders**

• **Policy**

• **Information & Inquiry**



# Chain of Command



• **Information**

• **Questions**



# Chain of Command



• **Keeps All Informed**

• **Renders Assistance & Solves Problem**



# Chain of Command



• ???

• Chain of Command

• **JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN**



# Chain of Command



• ???

• Chain of Command

• **JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN**





# Chain of Command



## REVIEW

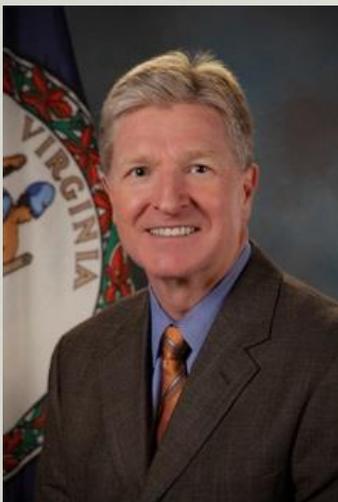
- **TWO-WAY communications channel between subordinates and leaders**
- **DOWN: Orders, Policy, Information, Inquiry**
- **UP: Information, Questions**
- **UP & DOWN: All Informed, Provide Assistance, Solve Problems**
- **UP or DOWN: CHAIN NOT JUMPED**



# Your Chain of Command



**Governor Terry McAuliffe,  
Commander in Chief  
*Since January 2014***



**Brian Moran,  
Secretary of Public Safety  
*Since January 2014***



# Your Chain of Command



**Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Williams**  
**The Adjutant General (TAG)**  
***Since May 2014***



***Brig. Gen. (Va.) Justin P.***  
***Carlitti, VDF Commander (CG)***  
***Since Sept. 28, 2014.***



# Insignia of Rank



- **Enlisted Soldier**
- **Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)**
- **Warrant Officer**
- **Commissioned Officer**



# Insignia of Rank



## Enlisted Soldiers



PRIVATE (PV2)  
(Addressed as "Private")



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC)  
(Addressed as "Private")



SPECIALIST (SPC)  
(Addressed as "Specialist")



# Insignia of Rank



CORPORAL (CPL)  
(Addressed as "Corporal")



SERGEANT (SGT)  
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



STAFF SERGEANT (SSG)  
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



# Insignia of Rank



**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC)**  
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



**MASTER SERGEANT (MSG)**  
(Addressed as "Sergeant")



**FIRST SERGEANT (1SG)**  
(Addressed as "First Sergeant")



# Insignia of Rank



SERGEANT MAJOR (SGM)  
(Addressed as "Sergeant Major")



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (CSM)  
(Addressed as "Sergeant Major")



# Insignia of Rank



## WARRANT OFFICER

Warrant Officers are formally addressed as either Mr. or Ms. They can also be addressed as Sir or Ma'am. CHIEF Warrant Officers are addressed as CHIEF.



WARRANT OFFICER 1 (WO1)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 (CW2)



# Insignia of Rank



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 (CW3)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (CW4)



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 (CW5)



# Insignia of Rank



Officer Candidate School  
(Addressed as Officer Candidate)

Commissioned Officers



SECOND LIEUTENANT (2LT) O-1  
(Addressed as "Lieutenant")



FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) O-2  
(Addressed as "Lieutenant")



# Insignia of Rank



CAPTAIN (CPT)  
(Addressed as "Captain") O-3



MAJOR (MAJ)  
(Addressed as "Major") O-4



LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) O-5  
(Addressed as "Lieutenant Colonel " or "Colonel")



# Insignia of Rank



COLONEL (COL)  
(Addressed as "Colonel") O-6



BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG)  
(Addressed as "General") O-7



MAJOR GENERAL (MG)  
(Addressed as "General") O-8



# Insignia of Rank



LIEUTENANT GENERAL (LTG)  
(Addressed as "General") O-9



GENERAL (GEN)  
(Addressed as "General") O-10



GENERAL OF THE ARMY (GOA)  
(Addressed as "General")



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**QUESTIONS?**